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Strikes and demonstrations in South Yemen in reaction to low salaries, food shortages, and poor housing conditions are spreading and could ignite widespread violence against regime policies. The demonstrations are the first in 20 years,

Continuing unrest may threaten the ruling Yemen Socialist Party's political and economic reform efforts and accelerate South Yemen's drive to unite with North Yemen.

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